

## Drive Starts For U.W.O. Expansion

**\$6,550,000 Sought To Add Facilities For 2,000 Increase**

LONDON, Ont.—A fund-raising campaign for a \$6,550,000 building program was announced Thursday by the University of Western Ontario.

The building program, scheduled to begin early next year, will make the institution the largest non-state university in the country.

It is designed to provide for an increased enrolment of 2,000 or over 60 percent in the next 10 years.

J. R. White, president of Imperial Oil Ltd., is general chairman of the expansion program. His new committee is expected to meet for the first time next week.

Included in the construction project is the university's first engineering science building, expected to cost \$150,000.

Also to be built is the first of several men's residences, each to provide accommodation for 300 students as well as library and dining facilities. These will cost a total of \$180,000.

A new liberal arts division, Middlesex College, will be constructed at the cost of \$1,500,000. It will double liberal arts facilities at the university.

The school's first School of Nursing Building, costing \$600,000, and a \$500,000 addition to the general library will also be constructed.

All new building will fit into the existing campus.

The funds committee is after \$4,650,000. A balance of \$1,900,000 is available through special government grants.

Booming prosperity of Western Ontario and population increases has made Western one of the fastest growing universities in Canada.

Each of the last two years has seen a 10-percent increase in enrollment.

## Unpaid Tax Level High

**Municipalities Owed \$41,000,000**

TORONTO (CP)—The Ontario Government reported today the province's unpaid municipal tax bill at Dec. 31, 1956, was nearly \$41,000,000, almost four times the comparable 1949 figure and only \$17,000,000 below the 1934 depression-year level.

However, a qualified informant said the comparison wasn't as significant as it looked because municipalities weren't trying as hard to collect taxes today as they were during the depression.

The province-wide unpaid-tax balance has climbed steadily since 1947 which witnessed a 22-year low of about \$10,800,000. It passed \$20,000,000 in 1951 and \$30,000,000 in 1954. Windsor officials said tax collections were progressing satisfactorily.

The report showed gross municipal debt reaching a staggering all-time high of \$881,865,000 in 1956 compared with \$504,756,000 in 1932 and the record 24-year low of \$278,166,000 in 1949.

The report noted changes in the dollar's purchasing power since 1932 and the fact that the provincial government now pays half the debt charges on the school debenture debt. These grants were not in existence in 1932.

The public and secondary education bracket of the gross debt debenture debt showed the most spectacular climb. Between 1939 and 1947 the figure fluctuated by no more than 25 percent, but between 1947 and Dec. 31, 1956, it soared to 487 percent of the 1939 level—arbitrarily given the value of 100—and, in dollars, to nearly \$280,000,000.

## 'U' Raises Fees

HAMILTON (CP)—Tuition fees for all degree courses at McMaster University will go up as much as \$30 a year, W. N. Paterson, the bursar, announced Thursday. Academic fees for arts courses will be \$390 and for science \$415. Residence fees are to be increased \$1.50 a week, to \$525 for 32 weeks' board and lodging.

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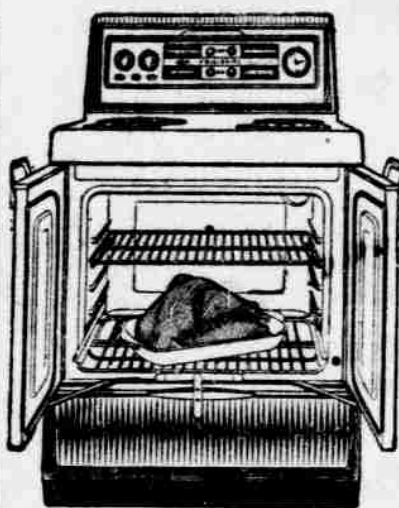
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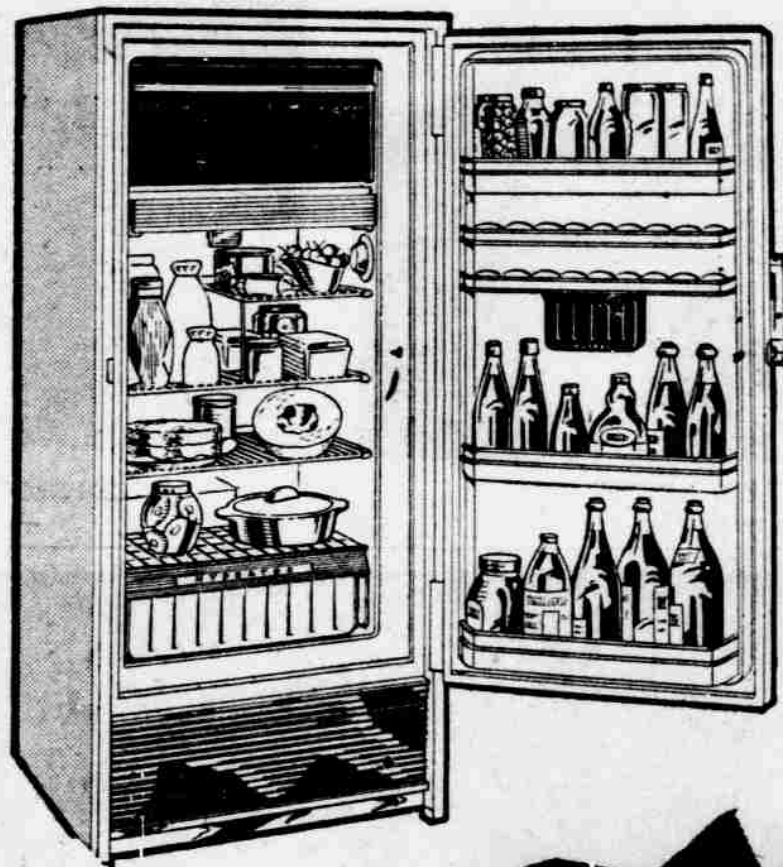
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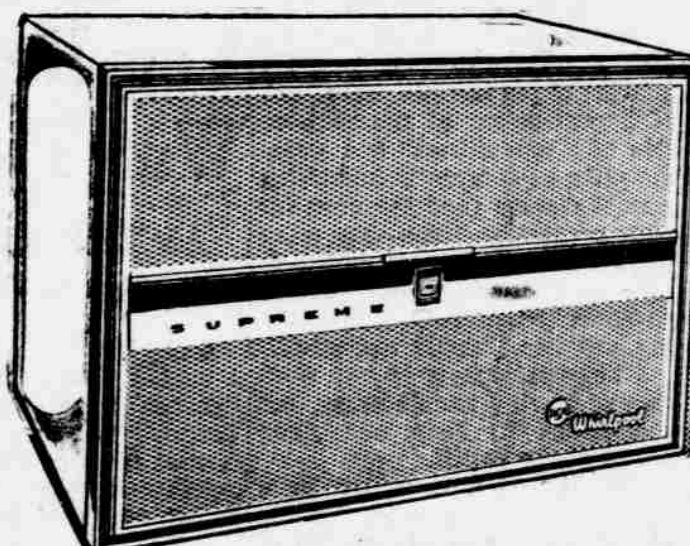
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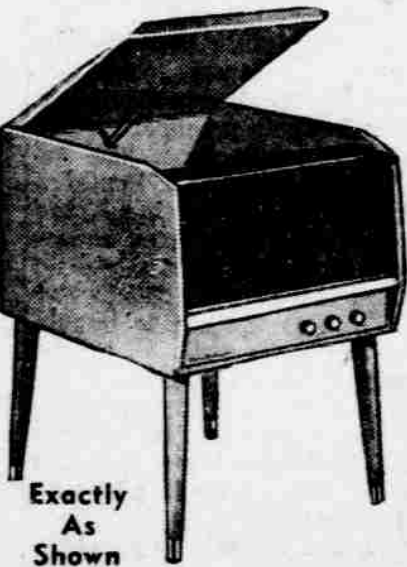
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